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SUBJECT: EAST TIMOR DEVELOPMENTS

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM GVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY ANTARA,
GENERAL MORAIS DA SILVA ARRIVED IN BALI JULY 26 AS SPECIAL
EMISSARY OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO RECEIVE 23 PORTUGUESE
SOLDIERS PREVIOUSLY DETAINED IN EAST TIMOR. SOLDIERS WERE DUE
TO FLY TO BALI FROM KUPANG, WEST TIMOR, JULY 27 AND DEPART BALI
SAME DAY ENROUTE LISBON. SOLDIERS REPORTEDLY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
BY ABOUT 48 OTHER PORTUGUESE REFUGEES FROM EAST TIMOR. TURN-
OVER OF PRISONERS WILL BE HANDLED BY INDONESIAN RED CROSS.
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE EAST TIMOR DEPUTY GOVERNOR LOPEZ
DA CRUZ, MAJOR GENERAL BENNY MURDANI AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

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2. JAKARTA NEWSPAPERS REPORT RECOGNITION BY PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

JULY 25 OF INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR AS 27 TH PROVINCE OF INDONESIA FOLLOWING TALKS IN BANGKOK BETWEEN INDONESIAN DELEGATION LED BY LOPEX DA CRUZ AND PORTUGAL EMISSARY MORAIS DA SILVA. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID JULY 26 THAT PORTUGUESE RECOGNITION OF TIMOR INTEGRATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS NATURAL BECAUSE IT IS IMPLEMENTATION OF WISH OF EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE. HE SAID THAT NEXT STEP WOULD BE NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN INDONESIAN AND PORTUGAL, BUT POINTED OUT THAT SINCE PORTUGAL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKING OFF RELATIONS IT WOULD BE NATURAL FOR GOP TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN NORMALIZING THEM.

3. CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION I (SECURITY, DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS) IMROM ROSYADI DECLARED JULY 26 THAT INDONESIA SHOULD CONVINCE OTHER COUNTRIES OPPOSED TO INTEGRATION THAT EAST TIMOR QUESTION HAD NOW BEEN SETTLED AND EAST TIMOR WAS NOW PART OF INDONESIA.. HOWEVER, HE SAID, SINCE PORTUGAL HAS RECOGNIZED THE INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR THE QUESTION CAN BE CONSIDERED SOLVED.

4. WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN HERE TO REPORTED PORTUGUESE RECOGNITION OF INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA UNDERSCORES GOI HOPES THAT TIMOR ISSUE WILL NOT BE RAISED AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CINFERENCE OR AT NEXT UNGA.
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